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- 1. Deportations slowed down in Bucharest in May 1952, but were resumed in June in the Rumanian provinces, especially in Brasov (Stalin). The removals from Stalin took about five days, beginning on 13 May and the deportees received orders to evacuate within three to 24 hours.
- 2. Even those deportees who were authorized to take along their belongings could not do so, because the Militia did not allow them the necessary transportation. Furniture and valuable possessions were sold at extremely low prices. Those able to pay for private transportation were charged excessively high rates.
- 3. Each family was told its destination, but upon arrival it was often found that the local authorities could not find lodgings for them. The evacuees were then sent back to Stalin (Brasov) where they reported to the Militia. Most of them were ordered to return to the localities to which they had been sent originally, though some deportees were now sent to different localities. In the continuing confusion caused by the large shifts, some were returned to Stalin (Brasov) a second time.
- 4. It is estimated that about 14,000 persons, approximately one-fifth of the population, were evacuated in this period. Partial deportations had preceded this one. The deportees are mainly Hungarians and Germans.
- 5. Deportations were also resumed in the Banat, near the Yugoslav frontier. On 16 May, hundreds of trucks were requisitioned in Bucharest for these deportations.

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